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## Patterson Sworn Into Michigan State Senate

**January 8, 2002** – Senator Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, today accepted the oath of office for Michigan State Senator during a swearing in ceremony in the Senate Chambers of the Michigan State Capitol.

“It is an honor to stand before the citizens of Michigan and accept the responsibilities of state senator,” Patterson said.

The official oath of office was given by Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Maura D. Corrigan. All 38 members of the Michigan Senate were sworn in during the ceremony.

“I am humbled by the faith the people of my district have placed in me, as well as grateful for the opportunity they have given me to serve them,” Patterson said. “They have my commitment that I will work hard every day to earn the confidence they have placed in me.”

Patterson is the Chair of the Technology and Energy committee, Vice Chair of the Health Policy committee and the Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs committees, and a member of the Judiciary committee.

Senator Patterson’s accomplishments include the passage of the clean water bond initiative—Proposal 2, the development of the 35<sup>th</sup> district court judgeship currently held by newly elected Justice Mike Gerou, and House Bill 4195 (Public Act 11 of 2002) which created a 24 hour nursing home resident representative. He served as chairman of the House Oversight and Operations Committee and was the first freshman lawmaker elected to the position of Associate Speaker Pro Tempore, followed by a promotion to House Majority Floor Leader in 2001.

As Senator of the 7<sup>th</sup> District, Patterson will represent the City of Northville, Northville Township, City of Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton Township, Van Buren Township, Belleville, Sumpter Township, Huron Township, Brownstown Township, Flat Rock, Woodhaven, Trenton, Grosse Isle Township, Gibraltar and Rockwood.

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Note: A downloadable photograph of Senator Patterson at the Michigan State Senate swearing in ceremony will be available after 5 p.m. on the Senate Photowire, located at <http://www.senate.state.mi.us/gop/photowire/>. A recording of Patterson's acceptance of the oath of office is also available on the Michigan Senate Hotline at (517) 373-4000.

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